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[Project No. 13212-005 – Alaska]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Kenai Hydro, LLC Proposed Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for license for the proposed Grant Lake Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 13212) and has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project. The proposed project would be located on Grant Lake and Grant Creek, near the community of Moose Pass, in Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska, and occupy 1,688.7 acres of federal lands within the Chugach National Forest, administered by U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (Forest Service).

The draft EIS contains staff's evaluations of the applicant's proposal and the alternatives for licensing the proposed Grant Lake Hydroelectric. The draft EIS documents the views of governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, affected Indian tribes, the public, the license applicant, and Commission staff.

A copy of the draft EIS is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Branch, Room 2A, located at 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The draft EIS also may be viewed on the Commission's web site at http://www.ferc.gov under the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

All comments must be filed by December 10, 2018.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. In lieu of

electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-13212-005.

Anyone may intervene in this proceeding based on this draft EIS (18 CFR 380.10). You must file your request to intervene as specified above. You do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Commission staff will hold two public meetings for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft EIS. The daytime meeting will focus on resource agency, Indian tribes, and non-governmental organization comments, while the evening meeting is primarily for receiving input from the public. All interested individuals and entities will be invited to attend one or both of the public meetings. The times and locations of the meetings are as follows:

Daytime Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 28, at 1:00 p.m. (Local Time)

Location: Moose Pass Community Hall

Mile 29.5 Seward Highway Moose Pass, AK 99631

Evening Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. (Local Time)

Location: Moose Pass Community Hall

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For further information, please contact Kenneth Hogan at (202) 502-8434 or at kenneth.hogan@ferc.gov.

DATED: October 19, 2018

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

¹ Interventions may also be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper. See the previous discussion on filing comments electronically.

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